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1. GROUP AGRICULTURE MET DEC 20 AND ACCEPTED THE SCENARIO WITH RESPECT TO REPORTING PROCEDURES, TRIF, STANDARDS, AND NTMS NOT DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY. FULL TEXT CHAIR'S SUMMING-UP SEPTTEL. ONLY CHANGE FROM TEXTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IS FOLLOWING INSERTION IN THE SUMMING-UP AT THE END OF THE TEXT ON REPORTING PROCEDURES: "IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON THE ABOVE REPORTING PROCEDURES, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN DISCUSSING HOW TO PURSUE ITS WORK THE GROUP WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSULTATIONS".
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THIS INSERTION WAS SPARKED BY ISRAELI DELEGATE WHO HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED BY SECRETARIAT IN ITS PRE-MEETING CANVASS OF DELEGATIONS TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE ON US-EC AGREEMENT AND SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN APPROVAL. ISRAELI DEL WAS THEREFORE NOT ONLY PERSONALLY MIFFED ABOUT BEING IN THE DARK BUT ALSO SUSPICIOUS THAT THE BIG COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE FOUND SOME WAY TO COMPROMISE AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE. THE

INSERTION, AS WILL BE EVIDENT, ADDS NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE TO THE TEXT.

2. AUSTRALIA MADE A SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT ON THE FUTURE WORK PROGRAM FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE ALONG LINES PREVIEWED IN REF B. GROUP AGRICULTURE AGREED TO REVERT TO THE MATTER AT AN EARLY MEETING.

3. GROUP AGRICULTURE ALSO TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MEET DURING WEEK OF MARCH 14 TO TAKE UP STANDARDS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS DATE CAN BE ADJUSTED IF IT DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW OR PRECEDE NTM SUBGROUP MEETING ON STANDARDS. DATE FOR THIS AND OTHER NTM MEETINGS CURRENTLY UNDER INFORMAL DISCUSSION, BUT NOT YET AGREED. WALKER

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